

Blessing Others

Family Discussion

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Genesis 37:31-34 (NIV)

Then they got Joseph's robe, slaughtered a goat and dipped the robe in the blood. They took the ornamented robe back to their father and said, "We found this. Examine it to see whether it is your son's robe." He recognized it and said, "It is my son's robe! Some ferocious animal has devoured him. Joseph has surely been torn to pieces." Then Jacob tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and mourned for his son many days.

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Discuss

- List the harm that came to the family as the result of the brothers actions
- What is something you have done which, unintended by you, resulted in harm or damage for someone else.
- What is something you have done which surprisingly turned out to benefit someone else or resulted in good things happening for them.
- It is true that our actions can either benefit others or cause them great harm. What can you intentionally be doing that blesses and benefits others?

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Prayer

- Thank the Lord for those who have blessed and helped you by their kindnesses.
- Ask God to help you speak and act as a blessing and encouragement to others.
- Pray for those who are struggling because of the harshness or cruelty of others. Pray that God will work in their circumstances, strengthening them and bringing relief to their situation.

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